

The **Product Safety Program Management Section** protects the citizens of West Virginia by enforcing the laws and regulations that govern the production and sale of agricultural products and that are administered by the WVDA. The program ensures compliance with the 13 laws and related rules/regulations that this division is assigned to enforce.

Dairy Products Enforcement Summary

1. Hearings — There were 4 informal dairy product hearings held.

2. Shutdown Orders — There were 30, 24-hour shutdown orders issued.

3. Summary Suspensions — There were 16 counter freezer summary suspensions issued; of these, 3 were still in effect on June 30, 2001.

4. Quarantines — There was 1 counter freezer quarantine issued.

Field Services

Field Services has the responsibility of protecting the health and property of the citizens of West Virginia through the inspection of agricultural materials and products, and by securing and delivering representative samples of agricultural materials and products to the laboratory. The Field Services Unit is charged with enforcing 15 Laws from the Code of the State of West Virginia and assisting with two others as well as 16 Legislative Rules. In addition, Field Services is involved in cooperative programs with the United States Food and Drug Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Commerce, West Virginia Department of Education and West Virginia Bureau of Public Health.

- Under the *Fertilizer Law*, 300 fertilizer samples were collected. There were 41 violations; resulting in penalties of \$5,161.09.

- Under the *Agricultural Liming Materials Law*, there were 41 samples collected and analyzed; 3 were in violation of the law.

- There are currently 27 firms holding storage facility permits under the *Primary and Secondary Containment of Fertilizers Rule*.

- Under the *West Virginia Seed Law*, there were 425 samples of seeds collected. One hundred twenty-one (121) seed embargoes

were issued. There were also 89 lots of seed potatoes inspected during this fiscal year.

- Under the *West Virginia Commercial Feed Law*, there were 1,152 feed samples collected.

- 210 inspections of feed manufacturers and retailers were performed.

- 73 of these products were cited as not being properly registered.

- Embargoes were issued on 4 various products.

- The *Marketing of Eggs Law* gives this department the authority to inspect eggs at retail, wholesale, distribution and processing plant locations.

- 3,332 lots of eggs were candled at 648 retail or wholesale outlets.

- Embargoes were issued to 11 firms.

- 793,128 cases of eggs were reported with revenues of \$63,450.00.

- Under the *Marketing of Agricultural Products Law*, there were 308 samples of meat products collected from retail displays.

- Four fish processors were licensed and a total of 25 fish samples were collected for analyses under the *Fish Processing Rules*.

- 4,662 product samples were collected during the 1,096 facility inspections performed under the *Frozen Dessert and Imitation Frozen Dessert Law*.

- 172 samples were collected and analyzed under the *Dairy Products and Imitation Dairy Products Law*.

- There remains only one farm that is inspected twice a year under the *Bulk Milk Trade Law*.

- 15 trailer loads of frozen poultry were inspected under the USDA Destination Condition Inspection program.

- 115 lunches and 72 milk samples were collected and 37 preparation sites were visited under the West Virginia Department of Education Summer Lunch.